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Title: Regarding condition of cashew workers of Kerla.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Hon. Madam Speaker, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to raise a very urgent matter of public importance.

Madam, last week I led a 48 hours strike in my district of Kollam. Thousands of people from different walks of life participated in the strike, including the cashew workers. They are facing the problem of unemployment. In the State of Kerala the cashew workers have no work for the last six months since the cashew industries in the State are facing permanent closure. More than two and a half lakh cashew workers, mostly women below poverty line, have been thrown out of employment. The Kerala Cashew Development Corporation has 35 ...(*Interruptions*)